

HB 2292 -- NEONICOTINOIDS

SPONSOR: Rowland

Beginning January 1, 2021, this bill prohibits any person from:

- (1) Selling at retail any neonicotinoid pesticide unless he or she also sells a restricted use pesticide;
- (2) Using a neonicotinoid pesticide unless he or she is a pesticide applicator, operator or technician, a farmer or person supervised by a farmer using the pesticide for an agriculture purpose, or a veterinarian.

The Department of Agriculture must develop a statewide managed pollinator protection plan in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), that incorporates pollinator habitat expansion and enhancement practices. On completion of the EPA's pollinator risk assessment of any neonicotinoid pesticide, the department must review the state's pesticide laws and regulations and within six months make recommendations for changes to ensure protection of pollinators to the Governor and the General Assembly.

A violation of these provisions is a class A misdemeanor.